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## **Reclassification of Justifiable Homicide**

The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives have received a ruling in the homicide of **28-year-old Nadarrius Lewis**. The incident occurred on Saturday, February 26, 2022.

Detectives presented the case to the Jefferson County District Attorney's office for review. Following the assessment, the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office ruled the actions justifiable. This investigation is reclassified as a Justified Death Investigation.

The Birmingham Police Department investigated 23 murders and conducted 2 justifiable death investigations in 2022.

**The Birmingham Police Department adheres to FBI Uniform Crime Reporting guidelines set for all law enforcement agencies across the United States. FBI Uniform Crime Reporting guidelines do not require law enforcement agencies to include justifiable death investigations into the total homicide investigations counts.**

## **Homicide Investigation**

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The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Saturday, February 26, 2022.

**The victim has been identified as: Nadarrius Lewis, (28), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.**

At approximately 5:55 a.m., West Precinct officers were dispatched to the 2600 block of Tempest Drive Southwest (Forest Hills Apartment Complex) on report of a person shot. Officers arrived on the scene and observed two adult males suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. Birmingham Fire and Rescue (BFR) personnel arrived on the scene and pronounced the victim deceased. BFR transported the second male to UAB Hospital with a non-life-threatening gunshot wound.

The preliminary investigation suggests the victim was previously involved in a romantic relationship with a woman at the apartment and showed up to the apartment this morning where an argument ensued between the victim and another male at the apartment prior to shots being fired inside of the apartment. The victim was fatally struck by gunfire. Officers recovered a firearm near the victim. BPD Homicide detectives will interview all witnesses. At the conclusion of their investigation, detectives will present the case information to the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office to see if any criminal charges will be filed.

**If there is anyone who has information pertaining to the case, please contact the B.P.D. Homicide Unit @ 205-254-1764 or Crime Stoppers @ 205-254-7777.**

**Anonymous tips can also be submitted to Crime Stoppers through the Birmingham Police Department's Mobile App on Android or IOS devices. Updates will be provided as information comes available.**

**This is Birmingham's 22nd murder investigation of 2022 including 1 justifiable death ruling.**

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*\*\*The information is based on a preliminary and ongoing investigation, which continues to evolve as investigators interview witnesses, review physical and electronic records, and analyze forensic evidence. The Department's understanding of the facts and circumstances may change as additional evidence is collected and analyzed\*\**

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